

Chautauquans thro-out the year 1894 and 1895.

(1.) "Diligence and fidelity in Study."

(2.) "Sympathy and effectiveness in the service of our fellow-man."

The first book to be read is the intensely interesting, practical and instructive "Crisis of Missions," by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, Editor-in-chief of the "Missionary Review of the World" and by common consent occupying the first place among the Missionary writers and agitators of to-day.

The Crisis of Missions has already been made a "Classic" in Missionary Literature; and, (says the Congregationalist) "It should be in every library and every household. It should be read, studied, taken to heart and prayed over."

NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS.

(1.) Read the preface noting:—

(A) The author's interest in Foreign Missions and how developed.

(a) From Scripture Argument. Matt. 28: 19; 24: 14.

(b) Logic of events.

(1) Opening Fields of Mission Work.

(2) Removal and Subsidence of Barriers.

(3) Calling, provision and protection of Workers.

(4) Influence of Individual Experience.

Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of Modern Missions is necessary to an intelligent interest and zeal in Missions.

(B) The author's purpose:

(a) To outline these facts of Modern Missions.

(b) To prepare the way of the Lord.

(c) To lift up a standard for the people.

CHAPTER I. PRECEPT AND PROMISE.

Commit Mark 16: 15-20; Matt. 28: 19; 24: 14.

(1) The Source and Authority of Precept—Christ.

(2) To whom made:

(a) Not the remaining eleven disciples.

(b) By implication, the command lays the duty on all disciples in all ages.

"Teaching *them* to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded, makes *them* unto *you* as soon as *they* are made disciples."—(Dean Alford.)

(3) What the precept implies;—

(a) That Christianity is a Universal Religion. John 3: 16.

(b) Adapted to all classes and nations. Rom. 1: 16.

(c) Our Duty:—*To go. To teach. To baptize.*

"Ours not to reason why,
Ours but to do and die,"

The precept: Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world. (Better, Age.) How is Christ ever present with His Disciples? Thro the Holy Spirit, the *parakletos*, the called to the side of. Read John 16th chapter, and Acts of Apostles, which might well be called Acts of the Holy Spirit.

"The Christian church thro-out all this Dispensation is the home of the Spirit, as truly as heaven during the same period is the home of Jesus Christ. See John 14: 32.

This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, and the first two persons of the Trinity now hold residence in the church thro the third. The Holy Spirit during the present time is in office on earth; and all spiritual presence and divine communication of the Father and the Son are thro Him. In other words, while the Father and Son are visibly and personally in heaven, they are invisibly here, in the body of the faithful by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit."—Gordon: Ministry of the Spirit.

This promise has been conspicuously and marvelously fulfilled in Modern Missions. Christ has been with His Disciples:—

(1) By His Providence.

(a) In opening Mission Fields.

(b) In removing or subsiding barriers.

(c) In preparing, protecting and providing workers.

(d) In revealing and unfolding to the church his set times, seasons, etc.

(2) By His Grace.

(a) In working mighty results and effects, such as are attributable to the work of the Holy Spirit only.

(1) In Individuals; (2) In Heathen Countries; (3) In church life at home.

Benefits of a knowledge of these facts:—

(1) Our Duty becomes a delight.

(2) Work of Missions will become a privilege.

(3) Church be lifted to a higher plane of praying and giving

"Better than the conscience that drives, is the love that draws to the work of Missions."

All these movements and changes which make this age the "Crisis in Missions" have taken place in one century.

First organization for carrying the Gospel to Heathen Lands in 1792.

First Foreign Missionary, Wm. Carey. Openings then and now.

A good motto for Christians, "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."

WM. D. FURRY.

Blessed is the man that has found his work. One monster there is in the world, the idle man.—Carlyle,

THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE.

In some way the circulars of the Circle have been delayed in shipping and I have been unable to get them, so that correspondents will please excuse delay in receiving them also.

The work is growing, and the N. M. B. is helping extend it. Contributions received during December: Mission Board, \$5.00; A. D. Gnagey, \$1.30; Mrs. L. B. Edwards, 12 cents. The work of the first year has been outlined. It makes about seventy pages per week. Four months will be devoted to the Crisis of Missions. A suggestive program is given below for public meetings. Of course private readers will go fast or slow as they can. Bro. Furry will furnish comments on the course. As others are moved to write, please do so. Especially good papers read at public meetings should be sent to the EVANGELIST or *King's Children*.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY.

Opening devotions—Singing and prayer. Scripture—Isaiah 60. Short address by the President, explaining purpose of the work. Five minute talks or papers on the following chapters of Crisis of Missions: 1. Introduction. 2. The Precept and the Promise. 3. Providential Signals. 4. Removal of Barriers. 6. The Moving of the Pillar. 7. The Opening of Doors—India. 8. East Indian Mission. 9. Burmah and the Karens. 10. The Open Door in Siam. 11. Business—Offerings, etc. 12. Close with Lord's Prayer. Let all who can begin the work at once.

C. F. YODER.

Home Circle.

POWER OF PRAYER.

During the latter part of her life Mrs. Stowe was one of those devout Christian believers whose consecration takes high forms. She placed faith in prayer, and gave herself to the kind of dedication which exercises and cultivates it. There came a time in her history when one who was very dear seemed about to sink away from the faith in which she trusted, and to which life and sorrow had taught her to cling as only those who have suffered and doubted and accepted can.

This prospect was a crushing grief to her, and she set herself resolutely to avert the calamity if, and while she could. Letter after letter, some of them thirty pages long, found its way from her pen to the foreign town in which German rationalism was doing its worst for the soul she loved. She set the full force of her intellect in-